

Situation Report #2 6/17/14

Weather Update – The preliminary damage survey from the National Weather Service indicates that two tornadoes struck the Grant County city of Platteville as a powerful line of severe storms rolled across southern Wisconsin during the late evening and early morning hours of June 16-17, 2014.

Platteville Tornado #1: Tornadic damage was identified on the UW-Platteville campus. Preliminary information is a "low-end" EF2 tornado with 120 mph max wind speed. Track was about two miles west of Platteville, running through the UW Platteville campus, to two miles southeast of Platteville ending right before U.S. Highway 151. The EF2 damage occurred near the Engineering buildings on the UW Platteville campus.

Platteville Tornado #2: Tornadic damage was identified near the Platteville Golf and Country Club. Preliminary information is a "high-end" EF1 tornado with 105 mph max wind speed. Track was about 1/2 mile long with a 50 yard width. Damage includes some trees knocked down and a roof off an apartment.

A survey team continues to investigate the storm which caused extensive damage in the Dane County community of Verona.

Storm Damage – Here is an update on the damage.

Platteville:

Verona: At least 30 homes have major damaged. 19 of those homes had so much damage that Alliant Energy said it was unsafe to re-connect the power until city inspectors could check the structures out. There's also extensive damage to Country View Elementary where a wall partially collapsed.

Madison: At least 29 homes suffered severe damage and 150 with minor damage.

Lafayette County: At least 10 homes have roof or structural damage. 30 barns or sheds were also damaged or destroyed.

Outages – Here is a summary of the outages as of noon today.

Power O MG&E – 1,074 total affected customers in and near Verona and Madison.

Alliant Energy: WPL-Northeast 15; WPL-North Central 195; WPL-South 3,986. Total 4,196.

Wisconsin Public Service: 461 Customers throughout the northeast and North Central Regions.

Xcel Energy: 50 customers in Southwestern and Western Wisconsin.

WE Energies: 6,811 customers near the Fox Valley and Southeastern Wisconsin.

Total customers without power stands at approximately 12,592.

Governor Walker – The Governor is touring the damage in Verona this afternoon. He is scheduled to hold a news conference at 3pm in front of Country View Elementary School.

Looking Ahead – The Storm Forecast Center continues to have most of Wisconsin at a "slight" risk for more severe weather today with the most danger in the late evening of Tuesday and early morning Wednesday. Wisconsin Emergency Management has received no requests for assistance but will stay in contact with our county and tribal emergency management partners across the state.